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SUBJECT: PRC TEXTILE MISSION TO US

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1. USLO DEPUTY CHIEF HOVKGSDGE HOSTED RECEPTION FEBRUARY 8 FOR PRC TEXTILE MISSION WHICH WILL LEAVE FOR THE US ON FEBRUARY 14. IN ADDITION TO FIVE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION, RECEPTION WAS ATTEPOXG QKWI CHUAN, VICE PRESIDENT OF CCPIT, AND BY CHENG TO-PIN, CHIJNOFHHE THIRD DEPARTMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE.

2. IN COURSE OF RECEPTION, MADAME HAN FANG-YU, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF CHINATEX WHO WILL HEAD THE MISSION, INDICATED TO USLO OFFICER THAT WHILE DELEGATION IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN CHINESE EXPORTS TO THE US IT IS ALSO INTERESTED IN IMPORT ASPECTS OF CHINATEX TRADE WITH US. SHE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED PLANNED VISIT TO MONSANTO "FROM WHOM WE BUY ARTIFICIAL FIBER", AND SAID SHE IS AMENDABLE TO CONTACTS DURING THE VISIT WITH REPS OF THE US COTTON INDUSTRY. SHE ADDEBBN HOWEVER, THAT THERE MIGHT NOT BE TIME TO MEET ALL OF THE AMERICANS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DELEGATION. FIRST STOP IS NEW YORK, WHERE MADAME HAN THOUGHT THE DELEGATION WOULD SPEND THE

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MOST TIME "BECAUSE SO MANY OF THE CHINATEX CUSTOMERS ARE LOCATED

THERE." SHE EMPHASIZED THAT NCUSCT IS HANDLING ALL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE US, AND THAT THE EXACT ITINERARY WILL BE DECIDED UPON AFTER THE MISSION'S ARRIVAL IN THE US.

3. REFTELS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON SOME MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION: MADAME HAN, WANG MING-SHENG (WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SILK) AND HUANG CHIEN-MO (INTERPRETER WITH CERTAIN SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TEXTILE EXPORTS TO US). WE CAN NOW ADD THAT TSUNG WEN-CHIH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COTTON PIECE GOODS. HE IS IN LATE FORTIES, GREY-HAIRED,

FROM SHANTUNG PROVINCE, AND DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. MA HUNG-SHENG, WHO IS TALL AND IN HIS MID-FORTIES, HANDLES EXPORTS OF GARMENTS. HIS ENGLISH IS GOOD AND, LIKE HUANG CHIEN-MO, VISITED CANADA AS A MEMBER OF THE PRC EXPORT DELEGATION THAT WENT THERE IN LATE 1973.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHENG TO-PIN, THE LATTER TOOK EXCEPTION TO USLO OFFICER'S REMARK THAT THIS IS FIRST CHINESE TRADE MISSION TO THE US. CHENG EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS MERELY A "SMALL GROUP" (HSIAO TZU), SUGGESTING TO US THAT CHINESE HOPE THE VISIT WILL BE LOW KEY AND NOT WIDELY PUBLICIZED AFFAIR.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE MISSION'S ITINERARY AND ACTIVITIES AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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